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## **PATENT**

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Duncan et al; Application No.: 10/726,820 Group Art Unit: 3636 Confirmation No.: 4109

Filed: December 2, 2003

Examiner: Stephen D. Adamo

For: SOFA AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME

Date: March 14, 2005

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT in the above-identified patent application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27.

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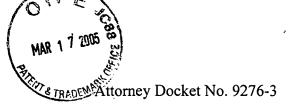
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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION DATED 15 SEPTEMBER 2004

Sir:

This paper is in response to the outstanding Office Action dated 15 September 2004 (the Action). Please amend the above-identified application pursuant to the New Revised Format provisions as provided by the Official Gazette.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 below.

Remarks begin on page 8 below.